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Heraeus Metals Processing and Heraeus Precious Metals; Adv. Pro. No. 07-02445-rdd

Defendants Heraeus Precious Metals, LLC ("HPM") and Heraeus Metal Processing, LLC ("HMP") (collectively the "Heraeus Defendants" or "Heraeus") were served, via their counsel, with the Proposed Forty-Eighth Omnibus Hearing Agenda, which specifically identified the Debtors' Final Extension Motion as Agenda item C(1). *Ex. 6, October 26, 2009 Affidavit of Service, Proposed Forty-Eighth Omnibus Hearing Agenda, p. 2 (Docket No. 19015); Ex. 5, Proposed Forty-Eighth Omnibus Hearing Agenda (Docket No. 18991).* ¹

The Heraeus Defendants filed a total of four declarations, each of which states that the Heraeus Defendants did not receive service of the Final Extension Motion. *Ex. 31(a), 31(b), 31(c) and 31(d).* None of the entity declarants, however, denies receipt of the Final Extension Motion or any of the other Extension Motions. The Declarations of (i) Frederick J. Salek, Vice President and General Counsel of Heraeus Incorporated, the parent company of the Heraeus Defendants, dated July 7, 2011, *Ex. 31(b)*; (ii) David Gallagher, Head of Compliance and Risk Management of Heraeus Precious Metals, dated November 22, 2011, 31(c); and (iii) Diane Carrillo-Mireles, Vice President of Finance of Heraeus Metal Processing, LLC, dated November 22, 2011, 31(d), state only that they were not aware that a complaint had been filed against the Heraeus Defendants. *Ex. 31(b), at* ¶ 6; *Ex. 31(c), at* ¶ 12; and *Ex. 31(d), at* ¶ 8.

The fourth declarant, William M. Barron, counsel for the Heraeus Defendants, states only that he reviewed the Affidavit of Service of the Final Extension Motion and notes that neither of the Heraeus Defendants is mentioned. *Ex. 31(e), July 7, 2011 Declaration of William M. Barron*

¹ Heraeus Metals Processing and Heraeus Precious Metals are identified on the Affidavit of Service as "Wc Heraeus". W.C. Heraeus has two business groups, known as Heraeus Metals Processing and Heraeus Precious Metals. *Ex. 31(a), Heraeus Webpage*.

¶ 2. He fails to acknowledge that counsel was served with the Proposed Forty-Eighth Omnibus Hearing Agenda, which specifically identified the Debtors' Final Extension Motion as Agenda item C(1). Ex. 5. Additionally, the law firm of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP ("Smith Gambrell"), where Mr. Barron practices law, was served with the Preservation of Estate Claims Procedures Motion (which Motion was filed as Docket No. 8905). Ex. 11, August 10, 2007 Affidavit of Service—Ex. B, 2002 List, p. 18 of 20 (Docket No. 9039). Smith Gambrell also received electronic service of the August 16, 2007 Preservation of Estate Claims Procedures Order (Docket No. 9105), which, among other things, (i) authorized the Debtors to file complaints in the adversary proceedings pertaining to avoidance actions under seal, (ii) stayed each adversary proceeding unless and until the Debtors made service of process on the respective defendants, and (iii) extended to March 31, 2008 the deadline under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 4(m) by which the Debtors would have to serve process, so that the complaints would not be subject to dismissal under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(m). See Ex. 12, August 23, 2007 Affidavit of Service—Ex. B, 2002 List, p.18 of 20 (Docket No. 9141). Similarly, Smith Gambrell was also served with the subsequently filed (i) First Extension Motion (Docket No. 12922), Ex. 13, March 4, 2008 Affidavit of Service—Ex. B, 2002 List, p. 19 of 21 (Docket No. 12970); (ii) First Extension Order (Docket No. 13277), Ex. 14, April 1, 2008 Affidavit of Service—Ex. A, 2002 List, p. 19 of 21 (Docket No. 13315); (iii) Second Extension Motion (Docket No. 13361), Ex. 15, April 16, 2008 Affidavit of Service--Ex. B, 2002 List, p. 19 of 21 (Docket No. 13415); and (iv) Second Extension Order (Docket No. 13484), Ex. 16, May 6, 2008 Affidavit of Service—Ex. A, 2002 List, p. 17 of 20 (Docket No. 13540). While the Affidavits of Service for these Extension Motions and Extension Orders admittedly do not list William Barron as the attorney served or state that Smith Gambrell was served in its capacity as counsel for the

Heraeus Defendants, none of the Declarations submitted by the Heraeus Defendants denies that Smith Gambrell represented the Heraeus Defendants as of the dates these motions and orders were served. Accordingly, there is at least a factual question as to whether the Heraeus Defendants received actual or constructive notice of the Extension Motions and Extension Orders through Smith Gambrell.

Smith Gambrell was also served with the First Amended Plan Disclosure Statement, which specifically outlined in detail that preference claims were to be filed under seal, with service deferred until after the limitations period. *See Ex. 7, January 11, 2008 Affidavit of Service—Ex. GG (Docket No. 11974)*. As with the above-referenced Extension Motions and Extension Orders, the First Amended Plan Disclosure Statement was admittedly not served on the Heraeus Defendants' primary attorney, William Barron, or on Smith Gambrell in its capacity as counsel for the Heraeus Defendants, but for the reasons stated above, there remains a factual question as to whether the Heraeus Defendants received actual and/or constructive notice of the First Amended Plan Disclosure Statement through Smith Gambrell.

The Heraeus Defendants were further placed on notice of the First Amended Plan Disclosure Statement and the preference actions in several respects. On December 13, 2007, the Debtors filed a copy of the First Amended Plan Disclosure Statement publicly with their Form 8-K (Docket No. 11388). Additionally, as a party listed on Ex. FFF of the above-referenced January 11, 2008 Affidavit of Service for the solicitation materials for the First Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of Delphi Corporation and Certain Affiliates, Debtors and Debtors-In-Possession, the Heraeus Defendants were directly served with the Confirmation Hearing Notice, dated December 10, 2007. Ex. 7, January 11, 2008 Affidavit of Service—Ex. FFF (Docket No. 11974). The Confirmation Hearing Notice explicitly discloses that the Bankruptcy Court entered

an order, dated December 10, 2007, approving the First Amended Plan Disclosure Statement. See Ex. 17, Confirmation Hearing Notice, p. 1 (Docket No. 11974, Ex. F). The Confirmation Hearing Notice also provides that the Disclosure Statement is publicly available on the Delphi Legal Information Website, http://delphidocket.com, or by contacting the Creditor Voting Agent. Id. at ¶ 10. Moreover, Heraeus Materials Ltd. and Heraeus Amersil Inc. (a/k/a Heraeus Tenevo), affiliates of the Heraeus Defendants, were served with the First Amended Plan Disclosure Statement. See Ex. 7, January 11, 2008 Affidavit of Service—Ex. X (Docket No. 11974); see also id. at Ex. JJ. Accordingly, through the above facts, the Heraeus Defendants were on notice of the First Amended Plan Disclosure Statement, which included references to the preference claims at issue.

As this Court discussed during the July 22, 2010 hearing, the Disclosure Statement, combined with the defendants' knowledge that they had in fact received preferential transfers, put the defendants on notice of the preference claim procedures at issue and on inquiry notice as to the need to monitor preference claim developments. Ex. 8, July 22, 2010 Transcript, pp. 150-153. Sophisticated creditors like the Heraeus Defendants typically are well aware of prospects and risks of preference litigation and it seems unlikely that creditors like the Heraeus Defendants could be surprised or caught off guard when such preference complaints are finally filed. See also In re TWA Inc. Post Confirmation Estate, 305 B.R. 221, 227 (D. Del. 2004) ("[I]n large chapter 11 cases sophisticated creditors typically are well aware of prospects and risks of preference litigation. ... Thus, it seems unlikely that creditors could be surprised or caught off guard when such preference complaints are finally filed.").

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W. C. Heraeus

W. C. Heraeus has been reorganized and separated into two new independent Business Groups namely Heraeus Materials Technology and Heraeus Precious Metals.

In this context, the W. C. Heraeus website has been duly dismantled, and the content transferred to the corresponding websites of the new Business Groups Heraeus Materials Technology and Heraeus Precious Metals.

The new internet presence of both business groups can be accessed online with immediate effect.



Heraeus Materials Technology



Heraeus Precious Metals

EXHIBIT B

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re

DPH HOLDINGS CORP., et al.

Attorneys for Defendants

Reorganized Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case. No. 05-44481 [RDD]

Jointly Administered

DELPHI AUTOMOTIVE SYSTEMS, LLC,

Plaintiff,

٧.

HERAEUS PRECIOUS METALS,

Defendant.

Adv. Pro. No. 07-02445 [RDD]

DELPHI AUTOMOTIVE SYSTEMS, LLC,

Plaintiff,

٧.

Adv. Pro. No. 07-02442 [RDD]

HERAEUS METALS PROCESSING,

Defendant.

DECLARATION OF FREDERICK J. SALEK

FREDERICK J. SALEK declares as follows:

- 1. I am Vice President and General Counsel of Heraeus Incorporated ("Heraeus"), which has its offices at 540 Madison Avenue, in New York City.
- 2. Heraeus is the parent company of Defendants Heraeus Precious Metals, LLC ("HPM") and Heraeus Metal Processing, LLC ("HMP").
- 3. I make this Declaration to be used as evidence in the above-captioned cases and adversary proceeding. The facts stated herein are true, based upon my own personal knowledge and knowledge of Heraeus' business records, as well as those of HPM and HMP.
- 4. I became General Counsel of Heraeus on July 1, 2007. Part of my responsibility as General Counsel is to be aware of any claim or court proceeding against any Heraeus entity in the United States. Any legal action known to be pending against any Heraeus business entity in the United States in the last four years would have immediately come to my attention.
- 5. I would certainly have been notified if HPM, HMP or any other Heraeus entity had been named in a lawsuit in the United States.
- 6. I first learned of the complaints in the above-captioned adversary proceedings on March 22 or 23, 2010. Before that date, I had no knowledge of any claim or complaint against any Heraeus entity by any Delphi entity.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: New York, New York July 2, 2011

Frederick J. Salek

EXHIBIT C

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HERAEUS METALS PROCESSING and HERAEUS METALS PROCESSING, LTD.,

Defendants.

DECLARATION OF DAVID GALLAGHER

DAVID GALLAGHER declares as follows:

I am the Head of Compliance and Risk Management of Heraeus Precious Metals, 1. LLC ("HPM"), which has its offices at 540 Madison Avenue, in New York City.

- I make this Declaration to be used as evidence in the above-captioned cases and adversary proceeding, and the facts stated herein are, based on my own personal knowledge and knowledge of the business records of HPM, true.
- 3. HPM is a commodity seller of precious metals to industry users. For many years, including before and during 2005, HPM leased or sold metals of the platinum group to Delphi Automotive Systems, LLC ("Delphi") to meet its needs for automotive uses such as in catalytic converters.
- 5. I have examined the proposed First Amended Complaint to Avoid and Recover Transfers Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 547 and 550 (including Exhibit 1 thereto) a copy of which is attached to Reorganized Debtors' Motion for Leave to File Amended Complaints [Docket No. 20575] and also to this Declaration as Exhibit A (the "Proposed Amended Complaint").
- 6. The information set out on Exhibit 1 to the Proposed Amended Complaint fails accurately or consistently to reflect actual transactions between HPM and Delphi and overstates payments made by Delphi to HPM by \$19,584,480.42. Among other inaccuracies and inconsistencies:
- A. Said Exhibit 1 lists more than a dozen payments which are duplicative and thus overstates payments to HPM by \$6,946,929.42. I have noted these in the copy of said Exhibit 1 that is attached to this Declaration as Exhibit B.
- B. In addition, said Exhibit 1 confuses payments from HPM to Delphi with payments from Delphi to HPM, thus overstating the payments made by Delphi to HPM by an additional \$12,637,551. I have likewise noted these payments in Exhibit B attached hereto. There are 8 items which I identify as 'DD'. The first 4 of the 8 were HPM purchases and should have been negative numbers on Delphi's exhibits; that is, they were not items payable by Delphi to HPM, but items payable by HPM to Delphi. Delphi netted these 8 items and paid HPM \$739,173 which was correct. Then they mistakenly duplicated that net number.

- After taking into account the duplications and other errors in said <u>Exhibit 1</u>, the actual total of all payments HPM received from Delphi during the 90-day period before October 8, 2005, was \$ 15,544,794.06.
- 8. Delphi and HPM intended that each of such payments be made in contemporaneous exchange for precious metal commodities delivered by HPM to Delphi.
- 9. Delphi in fact made each such payment in exchange for precious metal commodities delivered by HPM substantially contemporaneously with the payment, in most cases on or within two business days of the delivery and in no case later than seven business days after the delivery.
- 10. Delphi made each such payment in payment of a debt incurred for the purchase of precious metal commodities in the ordinary course of business of Delphi and HPM.
- 11. Each such payment was made in the ordinary course of business of Delphi and HPM and was made according to ordinary business terms, which were consistent with the course of dealing between HPM and Delphi, customary in our own business dealings in general, and customary in the industry of dealing in precious metals commodities.
- 12. Until I saw a copy of the original complaint filed in the above-captioned adversary proceeding earlier in 2010, HPM had no knowledge or even inkling that Delphi was suing HPM in this matter or had filed a complaint against HPM three years earlier regarding payments made by Delphi to HPM in 2005, although HPM continued to supply Delphi with precious metals after October 2005 and during its reorganization proceeding, and our lawyers were in contact with Delphi's lawyers for the following years regarding unrelated matters.
- 13. It is HPM's custom and practice, and has been HPM's custom and practice since before 2005, upon receiving notice of the commencement of a legal action against HPM, (i) to consult with its counsel and its auditors with respect to such action, (ii) to consider in consultation with its counsel and auditors the propriety and/or necessity of disclosing the action

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to its bankers and others and of establishing a reserve for the liability, if any, to arise from such

action, (iii) to preserve and archive email exchanges and other communications with the claimant

or otherwise relating to such action.

Because Delphi kept secret the filing of the complaint in the above-captioned 14.

adversary proceeding against HPM for more than 2 1/2 years after filing it in 2007, HPM did not,

prior to 2010, (i) consult with its counsel and its auditors with respect to such action, (ii) consider

the propriety and/or necessity of disclosing the action to its bankers and others and of

establishing a reserve for the liability, if any, to arise from such action, or (iii) archive and

preserve email exchanges and other communications with Delphi or otherwise concerning its

transactions in precious metals.

My investigation to date indicates the likelihood that a great deal of email 15.

exchanges with Delphi and otherwise concerning HPM's transactions in precious metals that

may have been relevant to the above-captioned adversary proceeding has been lost or destroyed

in accordance with HPM's standard deletion practices, placing HPM at a great disadvantage in

its defense of said action.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: New York, New York November 22, 2010

David Gallagher

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HERAEUS METALS PROCESSING and HERAEUS METALS PROCESSING, LTD.,

Defendants.

DECLARATION OF DIANE CARRILLO-MIRELES

DIANE CARRILLO-MIRELES declares as follows:

I am the VP of Finance of Heraeus Metal Processing, LLC ("HMP"), which has
its offices in Santa Fe Springs, California.

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- I make this Declaration to be used as evidence in the above-captioned cases and adversary proceeding, and the facts stated herein are, based on my own personal knowledge and knowledge of the business records of HMP, true.
- HMP manufactures and sells precious metal compounds and chemicals. For many years, including before and during 2005, HMP sold chemicals and compounds to Delphi Automotive Systems, LLC ("Delphi").
- 4. I have examined the proposed First Amended Complaint to Avoid and Recover Transfers Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 547 and 550 (including Exhibit 1 thereto) a copy of which is attached to Reorganized Debtors' Motion for Leave to File Amended Complaints [Docket No. 20575] and also to this Declaration as Exhibit A (the "Proposed Amended Complaint").
- 5. The Proposed Amended Complaint refers in paragraph 16 to "Heraeus Metal Processing Ltd. ("HMPL") as "an Ireland corporation" but incorrectly states that HMPL is located at the same address where HMP has been for years in Santa Fe Springs, CA. HMPL is located in Ireland, not in California. The listing of transfers attached to the Proposed Amended Complaint starts with 15 items as to which HMPL is listed as the "Transfer Recipient." I confirm that none of these 15 transfers was received by HMP.
- 6. As to each of the remaining payments listed, Delphi made each such payment in payment of a debt incurred for the purchase of chemicals and compounds in the ordinary course of business of Delphi and HMP.
- 7. Each such payment was made in the ordinary course of business of Delphi and HMP and was made according to ordinary business terms, which were consistent with the course of dealing between HMP and Delphi, customary in our own business dealings in general, and customary in the industry.
- Until I saw a copy of the original complaint filed in the above-captioned adversary proceeding earlier in 2010, HMP had no knowledge or even inkling that Delphi was

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payments made by Delphi to HMP in 2005, although HMP continued to supply Delphi after

October 2005 and during its reorganization proceeding, and our lawyers were in contact with

Delphi's lawyers for the following years regarding unrelated matters.

9. It is HMP's custom and practice, and has been HMP's custom and practice since

before 2005, upon receiving notice of the commencement of a legal action against HMP, (i) to

consult with its counsel and its auditors with respect to such action, and (ii) to consider in

consultation with its counsel and auditors the propriety and/or necessity of disclosing the action

to its bankers and others and of establishing a reserve for the liability, if any, to arise from such

action.

10. Because Delphi kept secret the filing of the complaint in the above-captioned

adversary proceeding against HMP for more than 2 1/2 years after filing it in 2007, HMP did not,

prior to 2010, (i) consult with its counsel and its auditors with respect to such action, or (ii)

consider the propriety and/or necessity of disclosing the action to its bankers and others and of

establishing a reserve for the liability, if any, to arise from such action.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: Santa Fe Springs, CA November 22, 2010

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HERAEUS METALS PROCESSING,

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DECLARATION OF WILLIAM M. BARRON

WILLIAM M. BARRON declares as follows:

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1. I am a member of the law firm of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP, counsel for

Defendants, Heraeus Precious Metals, LLC ("HPM") and Heraeus Metal Processing, LLC

("HMP") (collectively, the "Heraeus Defendants" or "Heraeus"), in the above-captioned

adversary proceedings.

2. I have reviewed the Affidavit of Service by Darlene Calderon, dated October 7, 2009

(Docket No. 18967), wherein Ms. Calderon states that she served the Debtors' Supplemental

Motion to Extend Deadline To Serve Process For Avoidance Actions Filed In Connection With

Preservation Of Estate Claims Procedures Order, filed on October 2, 2009 (Docket No. 18952)

on various listed parties. Neither HPM nor HMP is mentioned in the Affidavit of Service.

3. In the "Heraeus Defendants' Response in Opposition to Reorganized Debtors' Motion

for Leave to File Amended Complaints", dated November 24, 2010 (Docket No. 20909), the

Heraeus Defendants detailed at pp. 3-8 the record evidence showing that they received no notice

of the Debtors' successive motions to extend the deadline to serve the complaints the Debtors

filed under seal in 2007, and that neither HPM nor HMP received any notice that the Debtors had

filed a complaint against either entity until on or about March 22, 2010. In their "Omnibus

Reply" dated January 28, 2011, the Debtors presented no argument or evidence to contradict

Heraeus's evidence.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: New York, New York

July **7**, 2011

William M. Barron

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